

White Councils Helping on Rights, Pastor Says

Turnout Pleases Segregationist Leaders; Plan to Ask Gov. Wallace to Speak Here

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Community wide revulsion "the need for Citizens Councils here. It demonstrated against the ungodly concepts of white citizens councils" has re-welded civil rights groups together here "as never before," Dr. H. H. Brookins, Negro pastor, said in getting their point of view across. Wednesday.

Dr. Brookins, chairman of the United Civil Rights Committee, said the massive demonstration against the organization meeting Tuesday night of the Citizens Councils of America in Pasadena "shows America and the world where we really stand."

Meantime, Clyde G. Reynolds, a spokesman for the segregationist Citizens Council, said an invitation will be extended to Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama to speak at the Sports Arena "or some other large auditorium" here soon.

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Pleased with the meeting's turnout of 500 persons, W. J. Simmons and Louis Hollis, both of Jackson, Miss., and heads of the Citizens Councils movement nationally, said cancellation of the original meeting place and the demonstration may have cut down attendance.

The demonstration by some 600 pickets, said Simmons, is an indication of

Such a demonstration "wouldn't happen in Jackson," Simmons said. "We have an anti-picketing law." Hollis said both he and Simmons are John Birch Society members and that he felt an affinity exists between the two organizations because both are conservative—yet because of their racial views, the Citizens Councils attract widespread labor union membership, he said.

The national organization hopes to have paid organizers in every state by late next year, Hollis said.

The two leaders plan to stay in Los Angeles through Saturday.